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CHAPTER ONE

A GUIDE TO MEMBERS OF BROTHERHOOD

FIRST LESSON: MATTHEW 12 :18 - 19:

"Behold my servant, whom I have chosen: my beloved' in whom my soul is well pleased: will put my spirit upon him' and he shall shew judgement to the Gentiles. He shall not strive nor cry neither shall my man hear his voice in the streets"

SECOND LESSON: JOHN 10:16:

"And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd"

GOLDEN TEXT: JOHN 15: 12 - 15:

"This is my commandment, That, ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man down lay his life for his friends. Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you"

PERFECTION: OUR FINAL DESTINATION

Beloved, the three main texts provide the true path to our destination, the kingdom of God. They form the beginning and end of all gospels. The first lesson states that the word of God begins with love, patience, humility, lowliness of heart, endurance, forgiveness, joy and all their virtues. If Our Lord Jesus Christ had quarrelled with anyone and taken up arms against His adversaries, would salvation have come to man today? That is the footprint He left on the sand of time. Therefore, whoever desires to obtain salvation has to emulate Our Lord. Jesus Christ. Any person who hopes to enter into the kingdom of God should love one another, be kind, merciful, humble, ready to

serve others. He should not complain or retort when reviled against, he should not seek for self-glory. The man who is lacking in these qualities is yet to follow the tract leading to this kingdom.

In a corollary statement, Our Lord Christ said that; except a man is born of water and spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. You should bear in mind that, the ability to receive the Holy Spirit depends on your total freedom from sin. Except a man repents of his sins and be baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Spirit, he cannot practice the word of God. One has first, to accept and believe in Him, confess one's sins, repent and be baptized. It is only after successfully going through the laid down process that such a person could be endowed with the Holy Spirit to be able to practice the gospel.

Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself obtained the Holy Spirit (when it descended on Him like a dove) after baptism. The same spirit led Him into the wilderness, marking the beginning of His ministry. From that moment, He distanced Himself from all human affairs and frailties. As a Jew, Our Lord Christ was supposed to have had nothing to do with the Gentiles. But because He had obtained the Holy Spirit and was a new person entirely, He was able to bridge the divisive and acrimonious gap between the Jews and the Gentiles. He practised and preached love, peace, oneness and all the virtues. Therefore the name you call yourself or the position you occupy is not important.

Whether you are a pastor, elder, leader's representative or pope is not necessary in this kingdom. The question you should ask yourself is, whether you have complied with the injunctions of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Have the signs, as promised by Our Lord Jesus Christ, followed you as a Brotherhood member? Any person who does not aspire towards perfection has no place in this kingdom.

No thief ever seeks for the good of his fellow thief. Put differently, a thief or a robber cannot sign surety to bail a fellow robber. As a robber, he is a person of questionable character and cannot bail his fellow robber. (When a certain blind young man was made to see by Our Lord Jesus Christ, the people contested the genuineness of the exercise simply because, according to them, He, Christ restored sight to the blind man on a sabbath day. The people contended that for performing any work on the sabbath. He was fake and that He did not come from God. The blind man in reply asked them whether God had ever answered the prayer of a sinner.

He reiterated the fact that God only hearkens to the prayers of the righteous ones. This means, therefore, that Christ would not have been accepted as a worthy sacrifice to atone for the sins of mankind, if He had lived a sinful life just like other man

If our Lord Jesus Christ had indulged in stealing, drinking, telling lies, snuffing and living abominable life, His blood would not have brought salvation to man. If He had not presented Himself for baptism, then the spirit of God would not have descended on Him. It was after that great "initiation" that He surrendered Himself completely to God and His ministry began from then. It is for this reason that in spite of all persecutions, torture and blackmail, He did not retort. He confidently said, at the successful completion of His duty "And for their sake I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the

truth". After His resurrection, He charged all His disciples to go out and preach repentance and forgiveness. He told them that whoever repented and got baptized, would be saved. It is, therefore, the duty of every man to repent, believe in Him and be baptized. This is the only source of salvation.

YOU MUST BE PURIFIED

Once the spirit of God takes over your body after baptism, your entire body is purified. You should, from then onwards, have nothing to do with evil. That marks the beginning of your salvation.

They are many who desire salvation yet are not remorseful of their sins. The surest way of obtaining forgiveness is by being completely repented and turning a new leaf. It was because of the iniquities of man that God was about to destroy the world but for the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ. If the Lord Himself had come to indulge in sinful acts as practiced by mankind, the world would have been destroyed because He would not have been a worthy sacrificial lamb.

THIS IS OUR CHANCE:

Now is the time for us all to follow the footprints of Our Lord Jesus Christ to justify the precious blood He shed. God has provided this ample chance for everyone to strive for his or her salvation by refraining from all vices. He has promised to be merciful to our unrighteousness and that no matter the level of our iniquities, He will remember them no more.

A UNIFYING FORCE:

The blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ has sealed the gulf between the blacks and the whites, rich and poor, strong and weak, the free and the slave. We are now one in Christ. Whether you are from Nigeria or not, Efik or Ibibio, it is not important because race or ethnicity is not counted in this kingdom. The love of God transcends all barriers and boundaries of sex, race, colour and tongue. Whoever calls himself a member of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star or a christian, must examine himself on the basis of this gospel. Whoever is found wanting should gird his loins.

Your traditions and culture will not help, neither will any material wealth save you. This explains why we in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star do not sue anybody to court, cause division, or indulge in any form of vice. Fighting, hatred, division and the rest of the vices should cease amongst you. The people of old did consult oracles, burn incenses and candles, perform sacrifices, main and even kill their fellow men. These acts did not profit them anything hence, they all perished. This is the right time for us to refrain from evil, if we desire to be saved.

The Lord has made it clear when He said that he who is not with Him is against Him. and whoever gathers not with Him, scatters abroad. If, therefore, we do not comply with His injunctions, we are against Him. If we continue to tell lies, steal and live abominable life, we are scattering abroad. It is said that a saviour deserves not to die. Here, you are praying God to give you money,

wife, husband, children and all kinds of things yet you would not refrain from sin. Many complain that their prayers are never answered, others complain of hard times and various other problems. These problems will not cease except people repent and accept God as the only saviour. In the absence of this, how can you explain a situation where a person gets into the midst of others only to tell them that he has seen God face to face, but soon turns around to steal the property of one of them, or seduce one's spouse or kills a member of his congregation. Such a person is a child of perdition for being against the Lord. Such a person is scattering abroad. Like only attracts like. Except one mortifies the flesh, his prayers end up in the dustbin. There must always be a marked difference between you as a child of Brotherhood and the people of the world.

A UNIVERSAL FATHER:

A Samaritan Woman told Our Lord Jesus Christ that their fathers worshipped God on the mountain but that His disciples said there was a place in Jerusalem where God ought to be worshipped. The Lord replied her, saying:

*...Woman, believe me, the hour cometh,
when ye shall neither in this mountain,
nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.
Ye worship ye know not what: we know what
we worship; for salvation is of the Jews.
(John 4: 21 - 22).*

Does the above excerpt explain to you that Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is on the right path? We were sinners but Our Lord Jesus bought us over with His precious blood. Should we continue in sin? Our Lord Jesus Christ came and removed us completely from iniquity and, now we worship what we know the true God. And for this reason, we no longer steal, tell lies, indulge in idolatry and other vices. As far as Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is concerned, there is neither Jew nor Greek; we have no distinction as to sex, race, class or language. This shows that we know what we worship. But religious sects and bodies who thrive on discord, blackmail, falsehood and hatred, worship what they know not. The new life and conduct spelt out by Our Lord Jesus Christ is what are expected of us all to abide in.

The spirit led the Lord into Wilderness after His baptism in order that He might be tempted by the tempter. There He remained for forty days and forty nights, fasting. The tempter approached Him there with food and other glittering things of this world. He remained steadfast and endured all and finally emerged victorious. This is exactly what is expected of all today. From the day you were baptized, you must free yourself from the things of this world. None has ever profited from the material things. Mundane wealth leads man to destruction. Now is the time for all to flee from evil. Read the first lesson again:

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my beloved, in whom my soul is well
pleased: I will put my spirit upon him,
and he shall shew judgement to the Gentiles.”*

THE REAL MEANING OF WILDERNESS:

When people hear of wilderness, they misconstrue it to mean the innermost part of the forest or desert. That is not true. If you want to test the efficacy of this gospel and to know the meaning of wilderness, observe carefully the attitude of the worldly people towards a newly baptized member into Brotherhood. If you observed well, you will discover that the type of persecution such a person will face will be unspeakable. The person would be divorced by his or her partner, mocked at, looked down upon, excommunicated and even sought to be killed. It is the condition in which a person finds himself as a result of being baptized in the truth. This is rightly described as wilderness.

Many who are not founded in faith quickly become overpowered and they succumb, finally by the way side. Your friends, parents and the world at large will do their utmost to ensure that you withdraw from Brotherhood. All the persecutions and relentless false accusations levelled against you innocently constitute what is called wilderness. In spite of the mounting persecutions, the true children of God shall remain firm and victorious over temptation.

There is none, who, like a dog can lick back his vomit. That is the beginning of our faith which has been established by Our Lord Jesus Christ. There is nothing in the world worth one staking one's life for. We should seek after the Holy Spirit for He is the only saviour. It is your individual attitude that will either encourage others to come into Brotherhood or discourage them from coming. Those whose behaviours are anti-Christ are damned.

BROTHERHOOD FOR THE UNITY OF THE WORLD:

Your membership in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is not selfish reasons. Your membership is not for purposes of securing a husband or wife, getting children, money and other material things. Rather our membership is for the sake of uniting the whole world as one united family. It is for this reason that we have nothing to do with fighting, quarrelling, telling of lies, or any of the vices. We worship what we know.

Even if the whole world should be filled with money, without unity, love and peace, such money would mean nothing. This is why the scripture says that a house divided against itself cannot stand. In the same vein, a nation that is divided against itself cannot stand and if the whole world is polarized or split into two camps, it cannot also stand.

Right from the beginning, the whole world was one. The Lord said, “I have somewhat against you for leaving your first love.” in the beginning the world was one and was with God. The entire creation of God lived together in the same place. There was no division between man and animals. We have to return to that oneness and righteousness.

SECOND LESSON: JOHN 10: 16:

“And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one flock, and one shepherd”.

ONENESS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS:

The question is, is it possible for people of diverse characters to be one? The simple answer is, no. If there exists amongst us people we continue to tell lies, steal, eat flesh, drink, smoke, kill and deceive others, does it mean we are still one? We are not. We must be identified with Christ.

- (1) Standing firm with Olumba, stand firm He uses only love to work.
- (2) Stand firm and hold onto the Lord (2x) Peter was preaching and praying and the world in turn was crying.

THERE IS NO EVIL IN ONENESS:

Is it not the word of God that is operational in this kingdom? There is no hatred, frowning nor any form of vice in this kingdom. We are all one. Whether such a person is a liar, a fornicator or a murderer, Once such a sinner comes into Brotherhood and finally refrains from his old ways, we then become one. What is needed is one flock under one shepherd.

Even Our Lord Jesus Christ called His disciples one by one until He had His discipleship. Many who had sworn never to come to Brotherhood even over their dead bodies soon find themselves here, dancing and singing more joyously than those who had tried to convert them. This is the truth with which Our Lord Jesus Christ used in sanctifying all to God. In Brotherhood, there is the awareness that all people are one, irrespective of the differences in religion, language, colour of the skin and geographical location. We are also aware of the fact that it is evil to steal, fornicate or kill someone. This is because that person is your brother or sister. We are all one. Any good thing or evil you do to another person, indirectly you are doing it to yourself. This is why we in Brotherhood stand by the truth. Whoever does evil has departed from the truth.

SALVATION IS ONLY FROM GOD:

Satan has never brought salvation to any man. Even his disciples who had been afflicted and are rescued by you, the child of God, promptly denounce their master. That is why it is necessary that you should always strive hard to project the spirit of truth and oneness which Brotherhood represents. Everything created by God belongs to His Children. Even if somebody tries to lure you into any act of sin, resist such an attempt vehemently no matter the offer. Once you stand firm by this truth without turning left or right, all your adversaries will fall on your feet and worship God.

Do not go out and persuade others to leave their churches and come to Brotherhood. Do not cause enmity between people, do not also cause division amongst brethren. Such acts represent the old habit of your great-grand parents who got perished with their evil acts. Rather, go to those who are liars, adulterers, idolaters and unbelievers and preach love, peace, oneness and the truth to them. It is by this that salvation would get to the whole world.

CHORUS:

The truth ever remains steadfast, He is at work. And we have seen Him in this era, He is Olumba Obu.

BROTHERHOOD AT THE INITIAL STAGE

Initially Brotherhood started with feasts comprising of snuff, drinks, cigarette, meat and assorted food for those who turned up to eat and drink. The major theme of the gospel then, was salvation for all. But gradually, some of the items of feasts were dropped and were replaced with the word of God, basically with the theme of repentance. But right now everything has changed, the major theme today is total freedom from evil, in order to allow the Holy Spirit to reign in you.

The black race, the whites and the Muslim world are now coming in their multitudes to embrace this truth.

THE NEW COVENANT:

It is a sin for a man to frown, sigh, bully, get angry, curse or fight anybody. Such acts, instead of gathering, help to scatter abroad. This is why I have never indulged in any of these behaviours. Whether a person is of the Eckankar, Catholic, Muslim, Hindu, or any of the religious sects, it means such a person is one of the other sheep that the Lord promised to bring into His flock and they shall hear Him. It is our duty to go to these sheep and bring them to the Lord. We all had been one and shall remain so for ever.

GOLDEN TEXT: JOHN 15: 12 - 15

"This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Henceforth I call you not servant; for the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth:

but I have called you friends; for all things

that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you."

ONE FLOCK, ONE SHEPHERD:

Here in Brotherhood, we do not engage in frivolities and vain glories. We face the realities and face every challenge squarely. One bad apples spoils the others. This is why we live by examples. Many have come calling themselves various names. Some even claim to be God but only to be caught in one vice or the other.

CHORUS:

- (1) I have another sheep and I have to bring them in.
- (2) My sheep hear my voice, they follow me, and I know them by name.

The golden text explains the promise of Our Lord Jesus Christ to turn man to His Father. To succeed in this nature of mission, one does not have to use punitive measures in line with this objective. In spite of your short comings, I am never annoyed with you, neither do I expel anybody. My duty is to have you changed.

DIVISION AND SEGREGATION ARE DEVILISH;

Division into the world was introduced by the evil one. For the sake of this unity, the Lord shed His precious blood. When people and cities refuse to accept Brotherhood, what about the love, peace, patience and salvation which Brotherhood has brought to man? This is the only place one can obtain peace, prosperity and salvation. I urge you to emulate me. Those of you who pray, heal and baptize for a fee, who taught you to do so? Is that what you see me do? Have I ever charged a fee for any service rendered? I cannot do that because my intention is to save and not to exploit. Heaven and earth belong to God and the fulness thereof. Therefore, irrespective of where a person resides or the religion he belongs to, we all are one.

CHORUS:

- (1) I have given you a new law that ye love one another. Remain in harmony.
- (2) I have brought a new law. Live in love. There should be no annoyance. Live in love.
- (3) The old covenant has gone, the covenant of Moses. Love is the new covenant.

It is said even if a man should distribute all he has to the poor and get himself burnt in fire, without charity, it profits him nothing. Those of you who continue to steal, quarrel, fight, cause division, and indulge in various vices, do you know this? Even if you have been here for the past one hundred years without charity, it profits you nothing. The old laws of Moses were counter productive. Such laws only lead people to destruction. Here there is no lamentation, no frowning nor envy. All these things work against love, peace and salvation.

THE MOST EFFECTIVE WEAPON:

How many weapons did I tell you I came with? Just one weapon. And that is love. Love is the judge, adviser, teacher, Christ, God and the Holy Spirit. If all the inhabitants of the earth should love one another where then will hatred, killing, division, avarice and cheating come from? If we have brotherly love it means our oneness will be merely article about the unification of the churches or nations because, when such bodies meet, they only struggle for power and leadership and end up being more divided. Everything created by God is

Brotherhood.

The Lord's injunction is that, "you love one another even as He loves you" No love is greater than that which one surrenders his life for the sake of others. And He has promised that if you should observe His injunctions, you will no more be called slaves for a slave knows not what the master does rather, He will call you friends. This is because He will reveal all that His Father had given to Him to you. Why have you, members of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star become stubborn and disobedient to the truth.

HE IS THE GOD OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY:

The church denominations believe that they were established before Brotherhood. If you read Matthew 20: 1 - 16, Our Lord Jesus Christ gave a parable where a certain man hired labourers at different times of the day to work in his field. He agreed to pay each labourer a penny irrespective of the time they reported. Even those who come towards the close of work were all paid a penny each. But others who came in the morning protested that they were cheated. But the master told them that the wages paid them were what he agreed to pay each of them. This is exactly the position of many of you in Brotherhood.

You claim to be founders or pioneer members who should be accorded special treatment than others who have just come into the kingdom. I tell you that God is not a confussionist and He does not cheat any. The Number of years you spend in Brotherhood means nothing except you have something to point at as your contribution to the growth of the kingdom in relation to love, peace righteousness.

WHO IS A TRUE LEADER'S REPRESENTATIVE?

Of all the Leader's Representatives in this kingdom, none of them is worthy of the name. Except you practice love, peace and righteousness, you are not worthy to be called a Leader's Representative. Any Leader's Representative who does not emulate me is fake. He should love one another, be humble, kind, meek and tolerant like me. The work of a Leader's Representative is not to lord over others and want to be served. This is the time for all of us to strive to serve, to help, to gather together, to unite and to encourage growth in the kingdom of God.

THE DEMAND FOR LEADERSHIP:

The mother of the two of Zebedee went to the Lord and requested that He, the Lord, should permit her sons to sit one on His lefthand and the other on the right, in His Father's kingdom. Our Lord Jesus Christ asked them whether they could drink of His cup and receive His type of baptism. Both of them answered in the affirmative. The Lord then told them that even though they can drink of His cup and receive His type of baptism, the question of sitting either on His right hand or left is solely that of His Father. That it was for only those who had so been destined before the world was. The request brought about envy amongst the old disciples of the Lord who considered the two sons of Zebedee too ambitious and their request so usurpatory. But Christ, knowing their minds said that the people of this world rule with force and by intimidation but it shall not be so amongst them. He advised them that

Whoever was to be great and desire to lead others must first be a servant. Therefore, any person who practices the gospel is the one who is great and eminent.

The kingdom of God is said to suffer violence. The 'VIOLENCE' referred here is love, peace, humility, meekness, mercy and all the virtues. He who aspires to be great and wants to be a leader must possess the above virtues. Any person who says he is truly a member of Brotherhood must be seen to possess the virtues otherwise he is fake.

THE REAL CHILDREN OF GOD:

Once, as the Lord was teaching His disciples, somebody drew His attention and said that His mother and brethren were waiting outside to see Him. He told the person and others that His brethren and mother were those who did the will of His Father. This is what is applicable to those who are in this kingdom. My real children are those who practice brotherly love and keep my commandments. They are the sons and daughters of Obu.

A stroke of the cane is enough for a wise person. He that has ears should hear what the Holy Spirit has imparted to the world.

May God bless His holy words. Amen

FATHER'S SERMON (SUNDAY MORNING 7/8/94).

THANK YOU FATHER.

CHAPTER TWO

A NEW ERA

FIRST LESSON: HEBREW 8: 9-12.

"Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,

saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, know the Lord:

for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."

SECOND LESSON: ACTS 2:17-21

'And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will shew wonders in heaven above; and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

GOLDEN TEXT: REVELATION 11:15

“And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The Kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever”

AN END TO SINS

Beloved, the above texts form the theme of the opening sermon for the 1994 August Pentecostal assembly. The problem with you is that even after you might have been told that the things as taught to you in this kingdom are universal and indeed the veritable truth, you have bluntly refused to spread these messages to the entire humanity. A lot of the people are of the believe that this kingdom is meant for Nigerians and the Africans alone. It is not true. This is the kingdom of God and indeed a universal kingdom. This kingdom, you should note, is not made up of man only, rather it is made up all the creations of God, both animate and inanimate. This kingdom here established is in confirmation with the words of God that “The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.” (Revelation 11:15).

Good enough, we are starting the Pentecostal session with the Father and the Father means love. And where love abound, everything is provided in abundance. In this kingdom, everything is provided free for all. Here, equality is the order of the day and peace reigns supreme. The opposite is the case in the worldly kingdom. They fight, quarrel, cheat, oppress, dictate, victimize and embezzle. In this kingdom, the tools of leadership used by the Father are humility, love, peace, meekness, gentleness, long suffering, patience, goodness among other virtues. He does not discriminate against anybody; all are given equal and fair treatment.

The blind, deaf, dumb, lame, poor, needy, oppressed are all invited to share in the joy of this kingdom. An end has been brought to war, anger, hunger, mourning, division and indeed suffering or hardship of any form. And since you have hearkened to this call, you are expected to be charitable in everything you do as your token of love for one another and you should take after your Father. A deviation from this love accounts for the problems of mankind. You are duty bound to spread the good tidings of this kingdom to every nook and cranny of the world. Failure to spread the gospels accounts for the reason why you fail generally in life. In disseminating the words of God, do not preach about man, money, church, wealth, juju rather you are to preach about the kingdom of God. Tell the people of the world that the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our God and of His Christ. Thus putting an end to all forms of division, rancour, violence, enmity, war, oppression, dictatorship, fraud and hardship. This marks an end to sin. No one should commit sin any more.

In this kingdom, we are preaching love and indeed oneness. We must not only preach but we must practice what we preach. This therefore call s for ust to live up to God’s desire for mankind. A local adage states that it is easy to aim but difficult to shoot. You may say that you are in the kingdom but are you sure that you have done all that is required of you before you qualify to inherit this kingdom? You are supposed to practice love which is the will of God for all

those who should inherit this kingdom. Aside from this, you are deceiving yourself. This love should not be projected as a Church, prayer house, school, club, market etc. Rather it should be made to form a perfect patch of our lifestyle. It should be clearly seen in us so that all they that see us or hear about us or even come by us may truly know us as the children of God. We should all crave to be like our Father so that the scriptures might be fulfilled. For it is recorded:

*Beloved, now are we the sons of God,
and it doth not yet appear what we
shall be: but we know that, when
He shall appear, we shall be like Him;
for we shall see Him as He is.
(1st John 3:2)*

Today, have you not seen Him? Is He not an embodiment of love? If indeed He is, are you like Him? Have you revealed Him as love, peace, charity, mercy, truth, meekness, humility, and goodness to the people of world? Except you reveal your Father to the people of the world, they will not know Him. Differently put, let your lifestyle reveal God to the World. If you have not done this, then you are toying with your mandate.

In this kingdom, you are told that "peace" is used for greeting one another. How can this peace reign when many have not known nor hear about God? For this peace to reign, you must reveal God to the world. Let the people know God as love, peace, joy, oneness and the veritable truth.

Brotherhood is unique. It is different from the things and gathering or associations you have known before. Recall that the church, healing homes, healing, prophesying, and preaching the gospel had long existed before now. Even the paying of tithe and freewill offering have since been done. But the way these things are done in this kingdom is quite different from how they were done before. Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is the kingdom of God and His Christ in confirmation of the scripture recorded at Hebrews 8: 8-12.

In this kingdom, we do not play with words but it is a kingdom where practicality is the order of the day. Here, we spread the words of God but we practice what we teach. The prophets of old were known to be preaching the gospel yet could not practice those things they teach. But today, the reverse is the case. We teach the words of God. And if the love as practised here is not seen in you, then, you do not belong here.

In this kingdom, we have nothing to do anymore with the flesh. We no more fornicate, quarrel, fight, hate, kill or indulge in idolatry. All we do and rejoice in is righteousness. God is our Father and we are His children. No more division, or discrimination of any form. He has taken charge of our lives. We no more live the life of sin but of righteousness. You do not have to do that which contradicts the words of God. Love, and indeed, true love must glaringly be seen in everything you do.

Reference should be made of the first lesson.

FIRST LESSON: HEBREW 8: 9-12

'Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."

AN ERA OF LOVE

Have you not seen God's promises coming to pass in our time? Our Lord Jesus Christ had finished His assignment of reconciling man to God. And now the Holy Spirit has come and installed. freedom, and forgiveness for mankind is the order of the day. No more are your sins remembered. You are no more living in fear, war, rancour, hatred, violence, affliction and hardship of any form. Joy and peace has taken over all miseries encountered by man.

This is no more time when angels used to mediate between God and man. God now speak to us directly without the service of an angel. It is rather awful and heart breaking to see that man attribute the glory of the things done by God to themselves . When God heals, man would charge a fee for it, claiming he is the one that did the healing. In fact, man charges fees for anything God passes through him to do - prayers, preaching, rendering of songs etc. This is not supposed to be the case. You are expected to change from your past life to a new one, backed by righteousness.

Give love to all and sundry. Let oneness be seen to be practised by you at all times. You should in fact, be seen as new creatures. When this is done, the people of the world will not fail to praise God. One of our brothers had the need to claim his child who was staying in the northern part of Nigeria. He was advised that before he could claim the child, he would take a legal action. But the brother told his advisers that his faith forbids him taking any legal action. He told the adviser that he would claim his child even without taking a legal action. As the Father would normally do His things, the brother claimed his child with ease. This particular action by the brother is highly commendable. That is exactly what is required of all the children of this kingdom. You have to shun and abstain from evil, knowing fully well the aftermath of being evil.

The people of the world have succeeded in constituting themselves into secret societies in the name of churches. This accounts for the reason why they discriminate, hate and give concessional treatment to only their members. Except you are a member in any of the churches, you cannot be fed, no matter how hungry you are. Except you are a stunch member, you cannot share in

their meetings. If they claim to be worshipping God, where in the scripture is it provided that one should love those that share the same believes with one? Has this not greatly contradicted the teachings of Christian universal love and oneness.?

I have brought to you the true teachings of the kingdom of God and the same love as preached in this kingdom have I practised and I want you to equally practise it as I do. Except you practice this love just as I have taught you in this kingdom, people will not know that this is the kingdom of God. And you will bear the outcome of their ignorance. You have no reason whatsoever not to practise love, after all, it is only here in this kingdom that people are free to enjoy the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Is the one doing everything for us. Here is the sole provider of the needs, of mankind. He is the only Teacher and the Doer of everything. You are therefore wrong to arrogate the glory of anything done to yourself. This accounts for the reason why mankind faces much problems today.

This is no more the time for you to be taught by any man. It is the Holy Spirit that is to teach and lead us all to the knowledge of truth. He has promised that He will no more remember our sins and iniquities. This He has kept. Why then do you impute sins to others, hate, quarrel, condemn and discriminate among other sins? If you have done all these things or even one of it, note that you are not practising love hence you are not a true Brotherhood! It serves you no useful purpose coming in here to scramble for position or carve out empire for yourself. This is a kingdom where equality is the rule and same is the will of God for all the inheritants of this kingdom. Submit yourself therefore to the leadership of the Holy Spirit and you will not err. Except you subject yourself to the leadership of the Holy Spirit, you cannot do anything to please God.

Reference be made to second lesson.

SECOND LESSON: ACTS 2:17-21

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith the Lord, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will shew wonders in heaven above; and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS IN CONTROL:

Beloved, have you not seen these things coming to pass in our time? The will of God for this world is to unite the whole world into one fold to be controlled by one Shepherd. Without the Spirit of God coming upon you, you cannot allow the will of God to prevail. Even our Lord Jesus Christ could not perform any useful task until the Holy Spirit descended upon Him like a dove on the day of baptism. The disciples could not accomplish anything until they received the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. Today you have been endowed with the power of the Holy Spirit and so you have no alternative but to practise and propagate the words of God.

No more are we under the influence of anything but under the control of the Holy Spirit. Have you not seen so much work which God has used mankind to accomplish? But it is rather unfortunate that man attribute the glory of the work which God has used us to accomplish to himself. This, to a very large extent, amounts to ingratitude.

We have failed in our duties of giving thanks to God for all that He has done for us whereas God has not failed in any of His promises to us. Recall that it was said that all they that call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Is this not the case today? Have you ever met disappointment having called upon the name of the Lord? Yet He never charged a fee for the things He has been doing for us.

The problems facing mankind emanate from the fact that we do things at variances with the injunctions of God. We have to love everybody even as our Lord Jesus Christ loves us. Failure to do this means we have failed in our duties. Here in this kingdom, we have just one Being leading, teaching, changing, and directing; He is the Holy Spirit Himself. None other than Him is expected to perform these functions. If you do, you are encroaching.

In America, almost everybody is endowed with the Holy Spirit. Like I had earlier told you, when some brethren^{were} newly registered Brotherhood of the Cross and Star in America, the Americans were of the believe that it originated there. And as time went on, a lot of people started embracing Brotherhood. But at a point when the need arose that the members should come to the Headquarters here in Calabar (Africa), they were surprised. Upon enquiry, they were reliably told that the Headquarters of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is in Nigeria. They then sought to know if there is Brotherhood in other developed countries of the world. On finding out that it was newly registered in America, the Americans protested and sought that Brotherhood should not be registered in the country; that if that is done, it will appear as if America is a very insignificant country in the world. In the process, the case was taken to court. The case was a very serious one. It last for a very long time. But at the appointed time, the Father rules that the case be decided in favour of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star.

To prove to you that almost all Americans have spirit, one out of the sixteen judges in fact, the presiding judge of the case confessed that there is a man that kept telling him to allow Brotherhood operate in America. That there is a very important mission that the fold is billed to accomplish in America.

Who was this judge referring to; was it not the Holy Spirit? From that day, the case was decided in favour of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. And from

then till now, Brotherhood of the Cross and Star remains registered in America. Even then, but for God being the doer of everything in this kingdom, Brotherhood of the Cross and Star would have been banned in America due to the activities of some brethren. This has not been the case because the Father has take full charge of everything in the world.

Brotherhood is enjoyed in America so much that the whites sent an emissary to come and take me to America. They did not just want me to visit America but that I should come and establish my Headquarters there. They promised to give me money, houses and the glory I deserve. They added that it is very shameful that the headquarters of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, the new kingdom of God should be in Africa and not in America, in spite of the fact that they brought Christianity to Africa. Having listened to all their pleas, I told them that I cannot go with them to establish this Kingdom in America, that this is Africa's turn to host the Holy Spirit. I told them that I have no need for the cars, money and in fact, all the things they promised me. I told them that I cannot mortgage Africa's turn of hosting the Holy Spirit to America for sentiment. I then advised them that they should be coming and in fact, partake fully in the activities of the kingdom being that Brotherhood is a universal kingdom.

Today, there is no gain-saying that the Americans know Brotherhood much more than the Blacks. The whites do not toy with this fold. Having been given this chance to host the Father, it is the duty of the blacks and indeed that of all and sundry that have had the opportunity to hearken to this call to spread the good tidings of this kingdom which borders on love and oneness. The blacks, hitherto, were viewed as an inferior race such that nothing good was expected to originate from it but today events have been reversed. The black is now a very serious race to reckon with. I have exalted the black race. And for the whites, they must team up to do this work. They are billed to finance the activities of this kingdom. I know that the blacks do not have the means to sponsor the growth of the works in the kingdom but the Father, at the appointed time will bring the whites to sponsor it. This notwithstanding, do not sit at a place with your hands folded, waiting for the whites to come and do everything for you. Wake up from your slumber. Do something in appreciation to what the Father has done for mankind. Rise up to the challenge of taking this gospel of love to all the nooks and cranny of the world. Reference should be made of the golden text.

GOLDEN TEXT: REVELATION 11:15

"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The Kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS ON EARTH

Are you not a living witness to the fact that the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our lord and His Christ? Take what is happening in the United Kingdom as an instance. Who on earth would believe that a religion founded by a black could gain such recognition in United Kingdom?

Today in United Kingdom, Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is held in a very high esteem under the Father's leadership, His son, Bishop Goring. Brother Goring now has gone into full time service in the Father's vineyard. He now spreads this good tidings of love on a full time basis. In United Kingdom, Brotherhood is taking dimension to the Father's glory. So, was it in America but of late, the members have started embezzling money. They have now fashioned out a system diverting funds for their private use. This is not what is expected of you. It is rather a complete deviation from the injunctions of God. Whenever you engage in this kind of life, you are subjecting yourself to destruction.

The moment you place money and the material things of this world above God, you are bound to fall, and great will be your fall. I have this to say that in no distant time, all the man-made structures, governments, kingdoms etc will be brought to an abrupt end and the kingdom of God will replace them all. There will be only one central government in the world. This, you should note have actually come to play. This is because the kingdoms of this world have now become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ. All form of hatred, fighting, wars, lack and rancour have ceased. It is rather disheartening to note that even when God has forgiven your sins, and have promised not to remember them anymore, you are still imputing sin to others.

The kingdom that our Lord Jesus Christ talked about in the Lord's prayer has manifested in our time. Brotherhood of the Cross and Star is the much talked about kingdom of God.

It baffles me to know that in spite of the fact that you are opportuned to be in this kingdom, you still engage in diabolism and other sinful acts. This kingdom, you should note, has no need of sinners.

It is said that a stroke of the cane is enough for the wise. Let those that have ears hear what the Holy Spirit has imparted to the whole world. May God bless His Holy Words - Amen.

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THANK YOU FATHER

CHAPTER THREE

A REWARD FOR SELFLESS SERVICE

FIRST LESSON: LUKE 16:12

"And if you have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?"

SECOND LESSON: LUKE 14:13-14

*"But when thou maketh a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame and the blind
And thou shalt be blessed: for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just."*

GOLDEN TEXT: LUKE 12:43-44

*"Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing
of a truth I say unto you that he will make him ruler over all that he had."*

BE CHARITABLE TO THE LESS-PRIVILEGED

Believers, the above text constitute the revelation from the Father. Often times, are told that it is more blessed to give than to receive, but do not understand what the statement is all about. In the same vein, many a persons do not understand what our Lord Jesus Christ meant by saying that,

"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:25)

Today, many people still doubt how it is possible for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle. But is the scripture at Luke 16:12 not clear to you?

I want you to read this sermon with proper understanding so that you may be able to ascertain those who will be saved and those who will be condemned. An adage has it that, "it is only the pepper soup of another man's goat that is tasteful." Put it differently, we have always been expecting to receive things

from people, but how many of us have ever wished to give things out to people?

Another question is, how many people are willing to be faithful in that which is another man's. Now, we are looking forward to inheriting the kingdom of God and probably claiming God to ourselves. But the question is, how would you receive that which is yours, when you are not faithful to the things which belong to another man?

It is true that if a man is asked to gather things for himself, he would rejoice in doing that. But if he is mandated to gather things for God, he would show apathy towards such mandate. This therefore forms a rebut of the fact that nobody is faithful to God. For instance, men find it so difficult to remit their tithe one tenth of their income, to God. Hence, it is not an easy thing for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven. It is always very uncommon to see people accepting to be charitable to others and to serve those they have never known before. Instead of serving and being kind to this set of people, they prefer to mock at these people and attribute their disheartening situation to their sins.

A pauper may witness a millionaire counting his millions and at the same time, request for help. But the millionaire, in-order to disoblige the pauper, would claim that the money he counted is not his, but another person's. But if the same pauper goes back to the millionaire and inform him of any lucrative deal, he would lie to have gone to the bank for overdraft, but invariably brings the money he counted and invest in the deal so as to get more. It is indeed very pathetic to realise that among the inhabitants of the world, there is none who knows what to do so as to inherit the kingdom of God. But today you have been exposed to the scripture that "if you have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?"

Many people who come in here always long to be served and blessed with many things by God. Nobody is ready or willing to serve God and be dedicated to His services. We all prefer our welfare to God's and other peoples' welfare. But how shall we receive our desires from God when we are always ready to disoblige people and even God? As quoted for the first lesson, we are not faithful in what is God's and another man's how then shall we be given that which is ours?

God's services are to be rendered freely, irrespective of the magnitude such service may be. Therefore at any time you go contrary to this divine advice - become a hireling or help for a lucre, you are eluded of the kingdom of God and have no share in it whatever. Each and everyone of us is a hireling, hence, we often complain of lacking food, money, clothes etc. This is because we are not faithful to God and others. If this is the case, who then shall be faithful to us? Note that the things you claim to be significant are worldly (vanity) whereas the things you claim to be insignificant are godly and are significant before God.

A sister testified and those who were present heard that there is an orphanage in Lagos where the disabled of diverse grades are kept and are ministered to. She said that the set of people who serve in the said orphanage only render humanitarian services and do not request for any pay. This is exactly the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ and it is worthy of emulation. These employees are not hirelings just as our Lord Jesus Christ was not, hence, they

should be emulated. This is exactly what is expected of us always.

The most paramount service a man of God should always seek to render is to be charitable to the poor and needy. Always seek for the good, betterment and welfare of the disabled, needy, frustrated and orphans. If these things are overlooked in the kingdom, our stay here is of no use. See Galathians 2:9-10.

A certain lawyer, on trying to tempt our Lord Jesus said to Him, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Then our Lord Jesus Christ said to Him, Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Then our Lord Jesus Christ asked him what is written in the law. And he answered that man should love the Lord his God with all his heart, soul, strength and his neighbour as himself. Then our Lord Jesus Christ told him that he has answered correctly and advised him to do same in order to inherit eternal life. But this lawyer, desiring to justify himself, asked our Lord Jesus Christ who his neighbour is. Our Lord Jesus Christ then told him a story about a certain good Samaritan as recorded at Luke 10:30-37. Use the story ascertain in you that serving God is not an easy task.

BE YOUR BROTHERS KEEPER

Beloved, many people do take offence at others for being neglected, whereas they have never one day strived at ensuring people's welfare and betterment. The most paramount thing expected of everybody is to be our brother's keeper, if we desire that God saves us, rekindle our hope and strengthen our ways.

FIRST LESSON: LUKE 16:12

"And if you have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own"?

You are a witness to the fact that ingratitude and gratitude existed in the world long ago. None of these starts today. So, for you to be a good child of God who seeks to receive blessings from God, you have to render selfless services to people and be your brother's keeper without any affiliation. Even though your services - charity, kindness etc to people yield no good return, you should not mind. When you hear that the field is ripe but there are no labourers to work in the field, do not think it is the agricultural field that is being referred to. Instead, note that the statement connotes that there are many disabled, orphan, oppressed and the like people, but there are no people to help them. Bear in mind that whenever you engage in this act, God is bound to reward you bountifully. A spiritual song goes thus; "I love to answer that name, a man of God." It is after you might have practised this gospel that you are worthy of answering the above name. Therefore, you are duty bound to render selfless services to people, be your brother's keeper and not a hireling. Between a person who serves for a lucre and a person who serves gratis, who do you think perform the real work of God? Note that the former is carnally minded whereas the later is spiritually minded. So, as many as serve for a lucre but claim to be serving God are not serving God in essence, for if they were really serving God, they would not have charged for the services rendered.

Any person who established a spiritual hospital, healing home, bethel, prayer house etc and charges money for the services rendered is doing the work of the flesh. But if in such establishment, he renders selfless services to people, he is truly doing the work of God.

SECOND LESSON: LUKE 14:13-14

*"But when thou maketh a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame and the blind
And thou shalt be blessed: for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just."*

RENDER SELFLESS SERVICE

Beloved, if you do not practise the above portion, yet you claim to be a man of God and wished to be blessed by God, you are a liar - a worldly person and cannot receive anything tangible from God. Furthermore, note that whatever you do to people, you do same to God. So, do not think your deeds are for naught. After all, when our Lord Jesus Christ talked about judgement, He said that when the Son of man shall come in His glory, he shall separate the goats from the sheep. Then, He shall bless the sheep on His right hand and curse the goats and send them to hell for everlasting punishment. See Matthew 25:31-40 for detail. Do you now realise why virtually everybody is gazing into the sky today? Among the prophets and the men of this world, no one practises the word of God apart from our Lord Jesus Christ.

An adage has it that the owner of a corpse always carries the head. Our Lord Jesus Christ knew the task ahead of the children of God, hence, He came to bail the cat and that, He successfully accomplished. People always long to have the Children of God around them. This is sequel to the fact that it is only the Children of God who render selfless services to people.

Our Lord Jesus Christ provided a model which we should follow suit. During His advent, He healed, comforted and rekindled the hope of many, gratis. He never charged of any service He rendered. But the prophets of old made sure any time they were visited, things were taken to them by the visitors thus, did not render any service freely. This explain the reason why our lord Jesus Christ was greatly glorified.

"Even as the Son of man came not be ministered unto, but minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." (MATTHEW 20:28)

So as many as wish to be worthy of being God's children and to receive blessings from Him have to emulate our Lord Jesus Christ, It is high time we stopped seeking for more gospels, but always practise the advice from our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded at Luke 14:13-14.

"But when thou maketh a feast, call poor, maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just."

This particular gospel supersedes all other gospels, so go and practise it and stop coming here every time for gospels yet you do not practise any of them. The scripture of Galathians 6:8 states:

“For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting.”

What you have just read constitute the work of God. So if you go out without being told and practise this gospel by being of help to people gratis, you are bound to be blessed and rewarded accordingly. The prophets, apostles, pastors, visioners etc. cannot practise this gospel because they are all hirelings. Being that you are God's treasurer and custodian of wealth, the theme of this gospel is your watchword till eternity. Once you practise this gospel, the afflicted, oppressed, disabled and the hopeless will be made alright and equally, they will enjoy the bliss of God. And once this happens, you too will receive your reward from God.

I earlier told you in an illustration some time ago that there was a man who became very rich because of a favour his fore-father did to certain people many years back. So there is nothing beneficial as being your brother's keeper and rendering selfless services to people. Giving people money, awarding them scholarship and buying car for people do not constitute the work of God. Inviting distinguished people to your feast too does not constitute the work of God. The content of our second lesson constitutes the work of God.

In the Lord's prayer, it is said, "Give us this day, our daily bread." So it is imperative that you should not live and see people being hungry in any aspect. Give out to people and do not long to be recompensed, for by so doing, you will be rewarded on the last day. This alone constitutes the work of God. If you could recall that when Mary Magdalene use that costly ointment to pour over the head of our Lord Jesus Christ, some of His disciples who were thieves took offence at that and asked why the ointment was wasted. They reasoned selfishly that the ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and the proceeds given to the poor. And they reproached her. This they did, not for the benefit of the poor, but for their own benefit, for they were thieves. But our Lord Jesus Christ said to them. thus:

...Let her alone: why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whenever you will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. she had done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel is preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her. (Mark 14:6-9)

Today, the poor, disabled, comfortless, hopeless, etc abound in the world. But have you tried to rekindle their hope and make them feel alright and enjoy the rights of the children of God? Now that we are with God, it is advised that we search ourselves so that we may not err as some Israelites erred and received due punishment. The above explanations form a rebut of the fact God does

not relent in giving you **what to eat daily**. So do not, as a result of precautional or selfish motive, hoard the food God gave to share to others.

God has His reasons for all the things he does. He knows the essence of giving you food on daily basis instead of giving you for future use. David know this hence, be beseeched God not to give him too much so that he might not disgrace His name. Because of this, God gave him a little at a time. This is exactly what is happening with us. He has a limit to which He gives you something, for He knows very well the resultant consequences of giving too much or too small. This is the reason the scripture enjoins you to always call the poor, orphans, disabled, hopeless etc to your feast. So, if you realise that a person can feed himself or lives in affluence, do not invite him to your feast. As many as call the affluent and distinguished people to their feast do so, so that those people might in turn invite them to their feast. And this depicts that you are engaging in contribution and this cannot profit you anything. But if you invite the poor to your feast, your reward is in heaven.

There is much gain in rendering selfless service but people do not know. But as many as know this have long been reaping their bountiful harvest. This is what is meant by the statement, "Store your treasure in heaven, for the treasure stored on earth is vanity." God has designed it in this very way for the manifestation of His glory. So it is nobody's making. This teaching is neither learnt nor taught. It is practised by those who know it. The Children of God have acquired this accurate knowledge of truth, hence, they engage properly and diligently in it and reap the reward accordingly.

THE DEAN OF ALL FACULTIES:

God is regarded as Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omniscient because **there is** no field of study in the world ranging from Marketing, accounting, **Business Management**, Medicine, law, Architecture among others which He is **not an expert** in. He is an expert in purchase and supply hence, if a fat sum of **money** is given to a man now, he would claim it for his own selfish interest. But **God** distribute everything at His disposal to everybody evenly.

In accounting, credit and debit have to balance. And this is exactly what God adopts. God makes sure He gives you a certain amount of money for a particular purpose and would love to see how the account balance at the end of the work. If at the end, the credit is above the debit, it means that you have cheated and if debit is over credit, it means that you have been cheated. God is the dean of all faculties in the world. And should we emulate Him, we would have no problems whatever in life.

Sing the spiritual song that goes thus: "Lay your treasures in heaven, for the treasures of this world are vanity." Have you now realised that aside from heaven, there is no other bank that stores without risk?

I am sure many people here would reverse their thought and start laying up their treasure in heaven.

An adage quotes a monkey as believing that anything in its cheek is for the bullet, whereas, that which is in its stomach is its own. This is because at any time a monkey is shot, the food inside its cheek falls out. The things you give out to people for the purpose of charity are the things God uses to measure

your reward, for by so doing, you have layed your treasure in heaven. But if you hoard things for yourself without minding the welfare of others, thieves would come in and do away with such things whereby you and the rightful people who were meant to use the things can no longer use them. This is the evil of laying one's treasury on earth.

God's wisdom surpasses the wisdom of ail. He knows best, hence, we should adhere strictly to His own teachings and injunctions. None of us is knowledgeable, so, it is to no avail trying to apply our carnal and misleading wisdom and knowledge. He alone can keep everything in safe custody. He makes sure our souls are saved till the last day, provided we are worthy of Him. Why then do you not strive hard so as to be worthy of Him?

GOLDEN TEXT: LUKE 12:43-44

"Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

Of a truth I say unto you that he will make him ruler over all that he hath."

OUR REWARD IS GREAT

The second lesson of this gospel has enjoined you to always invite the poor, disabled, orphans etc to your feast without any recompense. Now if you keep to this injunction, having known that is right and proper to do so, your Master (God) on coming to see you doing this, will make you the ruler over His possessions, for He has found you a good shepherd. This is the most rewarding thing in your life so it should not be neglected by anyone who desires to be blessed by God.

At times, people reason that God do neglect some people but bless others bountifully. This is as a result of the fact that a reasonable person cannot appoint an embezzler to man his business ventures, not to talk of financial institutions. Everybody in the world today is self-centered. The Father know everybody very well even to the extent of knowing your inner self. A person may donate one million naira today during fund raising ceremony because he lives in affluence, but because he becomes poor after one year, he refuses to attend such occasions any longer.

God alone knows everything and how best to design plans and execute them. That is why, each time people claim to be economist, I laugh them to scorn for I cannot imagine an economist, auditor, manager etc existing yet fraud, embezzlement, business failure, and misappropriation of fund are still the order of the day in the world today. He alone knows all. So once you emulate Him and keep to His teachings, you loose nothing and cannot meet any failure.

Once you practise this gospel, God would see you as being trustworthy and He would make you the store-keeper, treasurer and custodian of all His property. But so far as you are not ready to make yourself trustworthy before God, you cannot be given such an opportunity. It is to this end that the scripture at Hebrews 13:1-2 states:

*"Let brotherly love continue.
Be not forgetful to entertain
strangers: for thereby some have
entertained angels unawares".*

By inviting the poor to your feast and not neglecting anybody, you have automatically made many people to ascertain in them that all hopes are not shattered. That is the reason why the Father makes sure there is no single day feast is not celebrated at the headquarters. And this has, to a large extent, caused a lot of things to happen. In fact, with the celebration of feast in this kingdom, we live continuously in affluence. This informs why it is said that to whom much is given, of him will much be required and to him little is given, of him also is little expected.

A rich man who is a miser would always give excuse that he does not have anything. But a poor man who is charitable wastes no time donating his last kobo without fear to God's service. And as the latter so donates without fear, so is he blessed with more by God. In fact, the riches of the former person may even be collected from him for being a miser and given to a the latter for being charitable. This informs why our first lesson advises us to be faithful in that which belongs to another person so as to be blessed with ours.

The scripture has it that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven. Here, camel connotes a poor but charitable man who can enter into the kingdom of God at the expense of a rich but miser man. The miser men are today suffering the adverse effect of going contrary to God's injunction, for they are always self-centred and concerned about their fellow rich men at the expense of the poor.

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strangers: for thereby some have
entertained angels unawares".*

By inviting the poor to your feast and not neglecting anybody, you have automatically made many people to ascertain in them that all hopes are not shattered. That is the reason why the Father makes sure there is no single day feast is not celebrated at the headquarters. And this has, to a large extent, caused a lot of things to happen. In fact, with the celebration of feast in this kingdom, we live continuously in affluence. This informs why it is said that to whom much is given, of him will much be required and to him little is given, of him also is little expected.

A rich man who is a miser would always give excuse that he does not have anything. But a poor man who is charitable wastes no time donating his last kobo without fear to God's service. And as the latter so donates without fear, so is he blessed with more by God. In fact, the riches of the former person may even be collected from him for being a miser and given to the latter for being charitable. This informs why our first lesson advises us to be faithful in that which belongs to another person so as to be blessed with ours.

The scripture has it that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven. Here, camel connotes a poor but charitable man who can enter into the kingdom of God at the expense of a rich but miser man. The miser men are today suffering the adverse effect of going contrary to God's injunction, for they are always self-centred and concerned about their fellow rich men at the expense of the poor.

It is said that a stroke of cane is enough for the wise. Let those who have ears hear what the Holy Spirit has imparted to the entire world. May God bless His Holy words. Amen

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THANKYOUFATHER.